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SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 1)*

Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (Title of Class of Securities)

766559603

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2006

- -----(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.

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 - By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

* In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Release No. 34-39538 (January 12, 1998), this filing reflects the securities beneficially owned by Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. ("GSAM LP"). GSAM LP, an investment advisor, disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities managed, on GSAM LP's behalf, by third parties.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: January 24, 2007

GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ Lauren LoFaro Name: Lauren LoFaro Title: Attorney-in-fact

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Exhibit No. Exhibit

99.1 Power of Attorney, dated December 19, 2006, relating to Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.

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Exhibit (99.1)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P. (the "Company") does hereby make, constitute and appoint each of Ronald L. Christopher and Lauren LoFaro, (and any other employee of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. or one of its affiliates designated in writing by one of the attorneys-in-fact), acting individually, its true and lawful attorney, to execute and deliver in its name and on its behalf whether the Company is acting individually or as representative of others, any and all filings required to be made by the Company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, (as amended, the "Act"), with respect to securities which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Company under the Act, giving and granting unto each said attorney-in-fact power and authority to act in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as the Company might or could do if personally present by one of its authorized signatories, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY shall remain in full force and effect until either revoked in writing by the undersigned or until such time as the person or persons to whom power of attorney has been hereby granted cease(s) to be an employee of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. or one of its affiliates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly subscribed these presents as of December 19, 2006.

GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By:/s/ Ellen R. Porges ------Name: Ellen R. Porges Title: Managing Director

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